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Dear Students and Scholars,

As you open this second newsletter of the Spring semester 2011, I would like to urge you to *review it carefully* and read those articles which might be relevant to you. We choose articles based upon the needs and questions students have presented to us daily, weekly, and annually. We answer the questions you ask before you ask them! Also included are warnings about safety issues, scams, parking and traffic concerns, and other aspects of your life as a student in Syracuse. If you at least spend 3 minutes reviewing the titles of all the articles each week, you will find that you will be well informed and *know what is happening on campus and in the community!* We appreciate your attention to this important part of the communication and education process in which you are engaged as a student in our community. We wish you a successful semester! Sincerely, Dr. Patricia Burak

1. Taxes



The Slutzker Center for International Services has opened access to **CINTAX**, the web-based income tax preparation software for filing your federal tax forms. CINTAX passwords are now available! The only way to request a CINTAX password is from our website at http://international.syr.edu/Form_CINTAX_Password_new.html It is important that you complete all fields on the form to receive a password. There is a maximum of 3 – 5 business day turnaround time for the password.

Are You Employed This Semester?
Here's an Important Tax Tip for F-1s and J-1s!

If you are an international student in F-1 or J-1 status who is working on campus for Spring 2011, have you examined your paychecks carefully? Here is some important information for you. The information that comes with your paycheck may show that both federal and state income tax (or just federal income tax) are being withheld from your paycheck. This is correct, since students in F-1 or J-1 status do pay federal and state income taxes on money they earn through on-campus employment. However, if your paycheck information shows that social security tax and/or Medicare tax are being withheld from your paycheck, this may be an error! F-1 or J-1 students who have been in the United States in F-1 or J-1 status for five years or less do not pay social security or Medicare tax on employment earnings authorized by federal Immigration regulations, including on-campus employment. So, if you believe a mistake has been made, speak with someone in the appropriate payroll office, and have your pay stub with you. You are entitled to a refund of any social security or Medicare tax incorrectly withheld.

The rules are explained in **IRS Publication 519: US Tax Guide for Aliens**. To access a copy, go to: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p519.pdf> You need print only pages 1, 54 and 55

2. MIX-IT-UP

SLUTZKER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL SERVICES
310 WALNUT PLACE

FUN **MIX-IT-UP** FOOD

EVENTS

A forum for students of all backgrounds to explore international and cultural

differences and similarities, creating a more peaceful, sustainable, and interdependent global community!



SPRING SEMESTER 2011

5:00pm FRIDAYS

- **Feb. 11th**
- **Feb 18th**
- **Feb 25th**

Questions? Contact Elane Granger: elcarras@syr.edu

3. Orange Dialogue for Peace.



Call for Applications
ORANGE DIALOGUE FOR PEACE
Fri & Sat February 18 & 19, 2011







If you have ever experienced an unresolved inter-group conflict that you would like to explore or if ethnic/religious/terretorial conflict is or was a part of your life, or if you are simply interested in fun interaction and meaningful discussion with an inclusive group of students, then please consider participating in the *2011 Syracuse University Orange Dialogue for Peace Program*.

Orange Dialogue for Peace is designed to provide a safe environment for students to explore individual thoughts about intergroup conflicts and to challenge collective memories of groups in conflict that shape mutual perceptions and influence the dynamics of interaction between these groups. The selected participants will work together in the context of fun, outdoor and indoor teambuilding and adventure activities, and engage in analytical discussions of needs, concerns, fears and hopes of their present day societies. The goal of the project is to help future leaders establish mutual understanding and trust, and move towards discussing the areas of cooperation for sustainable world peace and friendship.

This program is free, provided in part by your student fee and will include:

- Indoor / Outdoor Teambuilding Workshops
- Moonlight Hike
- Campfire Discussions
- Hiking/High & Low Ropes Course
- Food and lodging



LOOK FOR **ORANGE DIALOGUE ON FACEBOOK**

To apply for this program, e-mail the following information to: elcarras@syr.edu with the subject line as: *Orange Dialogue for Peace Application*. Submit by **Friday February 11, 2011**

- First and Last Name
- Department / School
- Country of Citizenship
- SUID / Telephone / Email
- Please provide your affiliation: Fulbright _____ PBD _____ SU Student _____
- Tell us why you would like to participate in this program

Applicants will be selected and notified by e-mail

4. Global Nomads

Global Nomads have occupied a prominent place in the life of Syracuse University and SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry. As part of an international organization, its members have the opportunity to address faculty, students and administrators in panel sessions organized to celebrate International Education Week, and in conferences that take place in and beyond the Central New York Region.

If you are interested in meeting other Global Nomads (and that includes newly arrived students and scholars from abroad and "old hands" who have already made their mark on the university community, please respond to this notice by sending an email to:

Sidney (Skip) Greenblatt
Sidney.Greenblatt@gmail.com

5. Winterfest 2011 February 17th - 27th



From the center of downtown Syracuse to surrounding areas throughout Onondaga County, everyone joins in the celebration. Kids will be kids, even when they're middle-aged. And there are no age limits when it comes to enjoying the displays, entertainment, games and culinary delights created by hundreds of hands. What a Party!

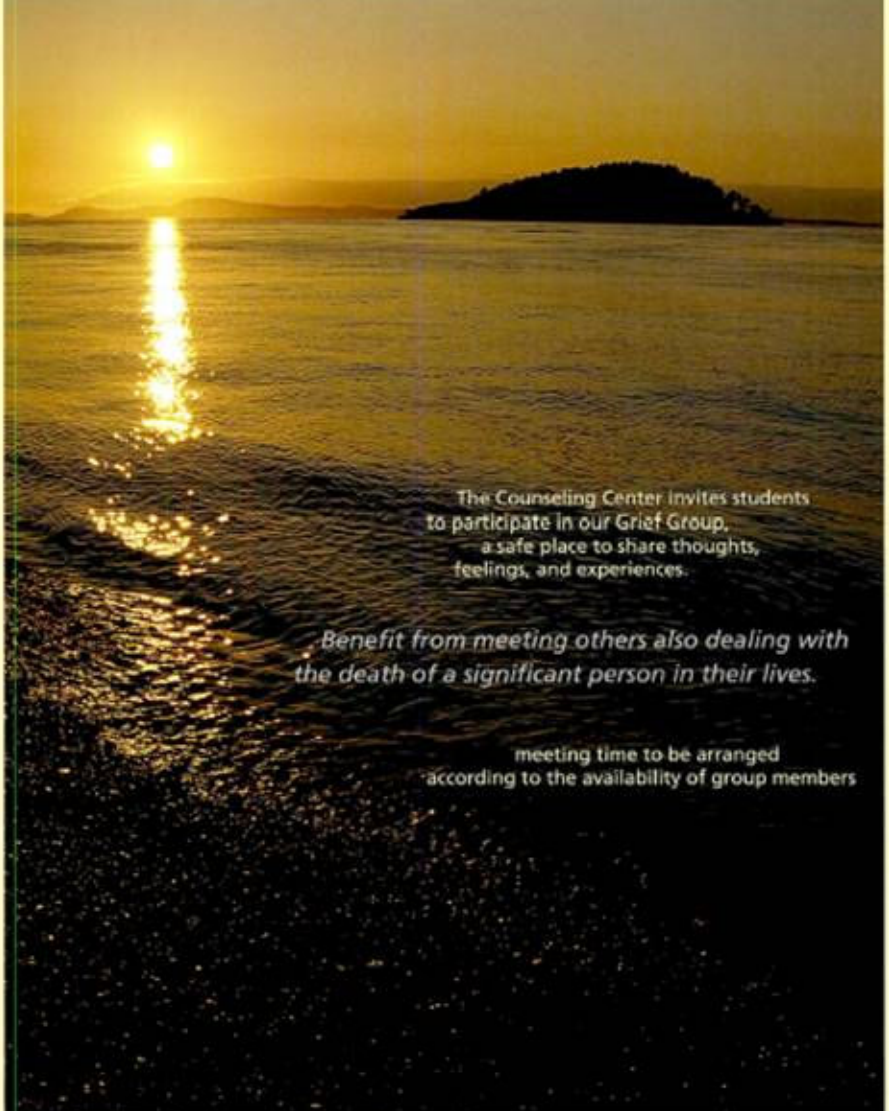
With more than 100,000 people attending dozens of indoor and outdoor events, parties, cook-offs, various competitions plus an abundance of other activities, Syracuse Winterfest draws the second largest audience in all of Central New York.

Lucky Us! It was 26 years ago when winter in Central New York was not such a wonderful time. We still have the snow, the ice, and the cold, but now that Winterfest is here, you can delay your southern vacations to enjoy the celebration.

You can expand your business and exposure to the Syracuse community when you become involved in some of the following events: Click here to view the two page schedule, [Two Page Event Schedule 2011](#)

6. Counseling Center Grief Group


griefgroup
*A supportive gathering of companions
 on the grief journey*



The Counseling Center invites students to participate in our Grief Group, a safe place to share thoughts, feelings, and experiences.

Benefit from meeting others also dealing with the death of a significant person in their lives.

meeting time to be arranged according to the availability of group members


 Counseling Center
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
a principal unit of the Division of Student Affairs

Contact: Susan Levy | 443-4715 | 200 Walnut Place
counselingcenter.syr.edu

7. Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Program (MBSR) Spring 2011



This Spring semester, 2011, the Syracuse University Counseling Center will be sponsoring one six-week stress reduction workshop formally called the Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Program (MBSR). This is a world-renowned program founded by Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn, a well-known author and researcher from the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. This program has been hailed by medical journals for its ability to help people develop greater inner strength, flexibility, and balance in the midst of life's everyday ups and downs. In a sense, it's a course on teaching emotional coping skills to deal more effectively with stress and overwhelming emotions. David Jacobs, J.D., an MBSR facilitator and certified yoga instructor, will be leading this course here at the University for any SU undergrad and grad students. Jacobs has completed the teacher practicum training at the University of Massachusetts Medical School's Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Healthcare, and Society and teaches locally at the Upstate Yoga Institute. The course is being funded by the Syracuse University Wellness Initiative and therefore will be offered free to all students. The course is not for credit. Rather, it is a personal course offered to help you learn a life skill, which hopefully will help improve your academic and emotional performance. To gain the most benefit, it will take a good deal of commitment on your part; you will need to attend all six weeks of the course, attend a half-day retreat, and practice the homework assignments. But the benefits will surely outweigh the costs and we are confident, with commitment on your part, you will gain a skill that will be with you for a lifetime. The six-week course meets Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning February 2, 2011. The program also includes a retreat class which meets on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Class size is limited. At the end of the six week introductory course those students who have completed the program will have the option of continuing to meet for an additional two weeks of advanced mindfulness training on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., March 23rd & March 30th. Further information and registration for the program will be offered at the mandatory orientation/screening sessions held on Wednesday, January 19th and Wednesday, January 26th at the Counseling Center 200 Walnut Place, 6:00PM-7:00PM. To sign up for one of the pre-program orientation sessions or for further information contact the Counseling Center at 443-4715 or mbsr@syr.edu.

[Click here to view our Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction brochure \[pdf\]](#)

8. MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

Black History Month

Tuesday, February 1: Black History Month Opening Kick-off
Time: 12:00p.m. Place: Schine Student Center Atrium
Information Tables—Student Organizations and SU Departments
Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs

Wednesday, February 2: Martin Luther King Public Lecture with Sonia Sanchez
Time: 7:00 – 10:00p.m. Place: Maxwell Auditorium
Sponsored by Department of African American Studies and Office of the Chancellor

Thursday, February 3: The Assassination of Patrice Lumumba
Time: 5:30 p.m. Place: Watson Theater
Sponsored by African Student Union & Africa Initiative

Thursday, February 10: Ode to My City: Poetry and Reflections
Refreshments will be served
Time: 7:00p.m. Place: Community Folk Art Center, 805 E. Genesee St.
Sponsored by Community Folk Art Center

Friday, February 11: “Jump at the Sun”
Film and conversation with producer/writer Kristy Anderson
Time: 4:30p.m. Place: Watson Theater
Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs, Slutzker Center for International Services, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, Light Work, Honors Program, Department of Anthropology, and Partnership for Better Education

Saturday, February 12: Stone Canoe Special Edition
Time: 5:00-8:00p.m. Place: XL Project Gallery, 307-313 Clinton Street
Sponsored by SUCE, University College

Saturday, February 12: Haitian Student Association Banquet
Time: 7:00p.m. Place: Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center
Sponsored by Haitian Student Association & Student Task Force

Tuesday, February 15: Rosa Clemente Lecture
Time: 7:00p.m. Place: Watson Theater
Sponsored by Caribbean Student Association

Wednesday, February 16 – April 2: Amos Kennedy Prints
Printmaking Workshop, February 16 - 18
“Proceed and Be Bold” film screening, February 16, 7:00p.m.
Cash and Carry Public Reception, February 19, 12:00-2:00p.m.
Place: Community Folk Art Center, 805 E. Genesee St.
Sponsored by Community Folk Art Center

Thursday, February 17: Commemorative Panel, Rap Session Scholars
Time: 7:00p.m. Place: Hergenhan Auditorium, Newhouse III
Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs, Black Communications Society, National Association of Black Journalist and Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation

Friday, February 18: Student African American Society, Black Artist League & Redemption present Legends Concert
Time: 7:00p.m. Place: Underground, Schine Student Center

Sunday, February 20: Caribbean Student Association Brunch
Time: 11:30a.m. – 2:00p.m. Place: Skybarn, South Campus

Wednesday, February 23: Radio Golf Play by August Wilson
Time: 7:00p.m. Place: Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St.

Friday, February 25: Thurgood Marshall Program
Time: 5:30p.m. (Reception at CFAC, 2:00-5:00p.m.) Place: Grant Auditorium, College of Law
Sponsored by Syracuse University College of Law, Office of Multicultural Affairs and Black Law Students Association, Community Folk Art Center

Saturday, February 26: OMA Modern Dance Workshop w/Cheryl Wilkins-Mitchell
Time: 12:00p.m. Place: Ernie Davis Dance Studio
Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs and Department of Recreation Services

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. WEEK: Contact Tuso at tzbooth@syrr.edu for any inquiries

Sunday, February 20 Church Service at Victory Temple
Monday, February 21 The Sweet Plague Part II
As a follow-up to our successful Fall 2010 program, this forum will focus on the health implications of diabetes and what we can do as a community to fight obesity and promote healthy living.

Tuesday, February 22 Entrepreneurship Workshop
This forum will explore the fundamentals of entrepreneurship and what it takes to start your own business.

Wednesday, February 23: “Love Doesn’t Live Here” inspired by *For Colored Girls* this forum is an exploration of how to reclaim one’s true essence in an abusive relationship.

Thursday, February 24 Community Service: Syramatics
A program created to improve the performance of Syracuse high school students in math and science. Etiquette and Ballroom Dancing Workshop. This forum will teach the basics of ballroom dancing and dining etiquette .

Friday, February 25 Delta Love Connection
Hopefuls compete for dinner and a movie with an eligible bachelor and bachelorette.

Saturday, February 26 2011 Soiree
Sheraton SU Hotel • 801 University Ave • \$20 for students, \$25 for sorors.



Sunday, February 27
**6th Annual Cora A. Thomas
Gospel Extravaganza**
Featuring BET Gospel Best winner
LeAndria Johnson
Time: 5:00p.m. Place: Hendricks Chapel
Sponsored by Office of Multicultural Affairs

Monday, February 28: **SU-CONNECTION**, Discussion about Tyler Perry
Time: 6:30p.m. Place: University College, Room 307
Sponsored by Office of Residence Life, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Department of Public
Safety, Office of Judicial Affairs and Department of Recreation Services



For additional information about Black History Month Events,
please contact Cedric T. Bolton at ctbolton@syr.edu

9. LGBT events

-Cafe Q: Open Mic Night! (Social)
TIME: Thursday, February 17, 2011, 8:00pm to 10:30pm
The spring Cafe Q has been streamlined to bring you three nights of Open Mic fun! Feeling brave? E-mail lgbt@syr.edu to find out how you can perform for your fellow students at SU's chilliest coffeehouse around.
Location: LGBT Resource Center, Sponsoring department/organization: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs
Contact: E-Mail: lgbt@syr.edu, 443-3983

-HIV Testing Event: Know Your Status (Health and Wellness)
TIME: Friday, February 18, 2011, 9:00am to 5:00pm
HIV infections impact everyone, including college-aged students. Knowing your status is important. Get confidential or anonymous rapid HIV testing for FREE! Please call us at 443-3983 on or after February 10 to get a guaranteed time slot. Drop-ins are welcome, but may require significant wait time. Co-sponsored by the LGBT Resource Center, Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services, Health Services, Counseling Center, AIDS Community Resources, and NYS Dept. of Health.
Location: LGBT Resource Center, Sponsoring department/organization: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs,
Contact: E-Mail: lgbt@syr.edu, 443-3983

-Totally Fabulous IX: The Preliminaries! (Concerts / Performances)
TIME: Thursday, February 24, 2011, 8:00pm
Students compete to be the top drag kings and queens of the SU Hill in this semi-final showcase hosted by professional drag queen Samantha Vega. Tickets will be available at the Schine Box Office and are \$3 for SU/ESF students, faculty, and staff and \$5 for non SU/ESF persons. Sponsored by Pride Union.
Location: The Underground, Schine Student Center, Sponsoring department/organization: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Resource Center, The Division of Student Affairs
Contact: Danielle Sutton, E-Mail: dssutton@syr.edu

10. Portuguese Table



Program on Latin America and the Caribbean
Latino-Latin American Studies Program
Moynihan European Research Centers

present

Portuguese Table



Hosted by Selina Howe Carter

This is a wonderful opportunity to practice your Portuguese conversation.
All proficiency levels welcome!

11:15 am
352 Eggers Hall
Every Friday beginning 1/28/11 & ending 5/6/11

352 is a conference room located in the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs.



Please direct questions to Selina at shcart01@syr.edu.

11. Judicial Affairs

The Office of Judicial Affairs is excited to announce our recruitment of students to participate on the University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team (UJB/PET). The mission of the UJB/PET is to participate in judicial hearings and develop and implement outreach activities that encourage civility and good citizenship within the Syracuse University community. The UJB/PET provides an opportunity for students to be leaders in the University community, promoting civility and citizenship, while also developing skills in facilitation and conflict resolution.

The UJB/PET is charged with hearing and resolving cases involving students or student organizations that have allegedly violated the Syracuse University Code of Student Conduct (except in cases involving academic dishonesty). In addition, students selected for the UJB/PET will be expected to create outreach activities on topics such as personal safety, consensual sex, alcohol and other drugs, living in a diverse community and personal values. Members will undergo an intensive training program to develop the skills necessary for this position.

Applicants for the UJB/PET must be matriculated full-time undergraduate, graduate, or law students at either Syracuse University or SUNY-ESF. Both on-campus and off-campus residents are encouraged to apply. A grade point average of 2.5 or higher is required. Disciplinary or academic violations committed at Syracuse University or elsewhere must be disclosed. Prior infractions will *not* automatically disqualify applicants, but are taken into consideration by the selection committee.

After applications have been submitted, the selection committee will determine whether to invite applicants to participate in a group interview process. Based on the quality of the applicant's submitted application and their performance during the group interview, successful candidates will advance to the individual interview for final consideration. The Office of Judicial Affairs will notify applicants when the final decisions are made. Syracuse University is comprised of a diverse student body; therefore it is imperative that the UJB/PET reflects that diversity. Students of all backgrounds, interests and abilities are encouraged to apply.

If you are aware of students who are qualified for and would be interested in this experience, please direct them to the *online application form* for the University Judicial Board/Peer Education Team at: <http://students.syr.edu/judicial/ujb/>. Or you may email Stephanie Hovsepian (shovsepi@syr.edu) with her/his contact information and she will send the application link to them. Attached is a flier that we ask you post around your office. The completed application should be submitted online by Monday, February 21, 2011 at 5:00pm. Questions may be directed to the Office of Judicial Affairs at 443-3728 or shovsepi@syr.edu.

12. Information for Japanese-English bilingual students from DISCO International

DISCO International, organizer of the largest job fair for Japanese-English bilingual students, the Boston Career Forum, is encouraging students, especially if you wish to work in Japan, to begin thinking about your career early.

By starting the basics of job searching, such as self-analysis and creating your resume, as early as your sophomore year, it gives you more time and more opportunities to find the right career for you.

[Learn more about DISCO]

Learn how DISCO can assist you with your job searching process at:

<http://www.careerforum.net/newregi2011/?&ref=student>

(Japanese Only)

[Job fair for Japanese-English bilinguals - Carer Forum] Unlike typical job fairs, you have the opportunity to meet and interview face-to-face with companies during the Career Forums.

There's no fee to register and travel scholarships are available to help defray the cost of traveling.

For more details on our Career Forums, go to:

<http://www.careerforum.net/event/index.asp?lang=E>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at cfn@careerforum.net.

13. Healthy Monday Campaign

Move it Monday is a part of the Healthy Campus Initiative. This is a program that focuses on participation in activities that promote the various components of wellness on campus at little or no cost to the user. Various fitness classes will be offered for **FREE** every Monday from **1:00pm-1:50pm** in the Flanagan Exercise Room on a first-come, first-served basis. The maximum enrollment for each class will vary based on the activity. Please arrive early for each class:

February 14 – Yoga'lates

February 21 - Kickboxing

February 28 – Fitness 411

March 7 – Mat Pilates

March 21 – Abs

March 28 - Step

April 4 - Yoga

April 11 - Zumba

April 18 – Power Hour

April 25 – Pilates

For the full Spring 2011 Fitness class Schedule, [click here](#)

Registration Begins Friday 1/21/11 at 8am

Meatless Monday Every Monday, choose a meatless option at dining centers or where you decide to eat. Also, be sure to check out the Try Me program at Dining Services!

Time- All day, Monday, February 14, 2011

Location: Campus Dining Centers, Sponsoring department/organization:Healthy Monday Campaign

Contact: Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

Restock Monday: Visit Health Services from 9 a.m. until noon to stock up on condoms, fresh fruit and tea or swing by Schine Atrium from 12-3 p.m. for condoms, lubricant and dental dams!

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm, Monday, February 14, 2011

Location: Health Services & Schine Atrium, Price:**free**, Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign; Contact:Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

Stress Less Monday: Feeling stressed? Stop by Schine Atrium from 12-3 p.m. for a professional massage!

Time: 12:00pm to 3:00pm, Monday, February 14, 2011

Location: Schine Atrium; Price: **free**; Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign

Contact: Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

Meditation Monday: Meditation helps you reconnect and renew. Clear your mind by coming to a meditation class at 2 p.m. In the Lower Hendricks Chapel.

Time: 2:00pm, Monday, February 14, 2011, Location: Hendricks Chapel, Price: **free**, Sponsoring department/organization: Healthy Monday Campaign

Contact: Jessica Leeds, 443-5775

14. New Weight Watchers Session

Gained a few pounds over the holidays that you would like to shed? Made a New Year's resolution to lose weight? Here's your answer! The next session of SU's Weight Watchers at Work begins on Feb. 2. Meetings are held every Wednesday from noon to 12:45 p.m. in Room 500, Hall of Languages. The next session will be 17 weeks and the cost is \$186, which includes free e-tools. Payroll deduction is available for SU employees. Checks and credit cards are also accepted.

For further details and to receive a registration form, contact Amy Connors at aconnors@syr.edu.

Come see what the new program is all about!

Contact Person: Amy Connors

aconnors@syr.edu

15. Fighting the Flu



- For more information about the flu, please see <http://www.flu.gov>.
- The latest campus information on the flu and other related matters can be found at <http://flu.syr.edu>.
- The Onondaga County Health Department site is <http://www.ongov.net/Health/SwineFlu.html>.

Flu Information: http://students.syr.edu/health/files/vis_flu_2010.pdf

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

-Syracuse University Health Services

-111 Waverly Avenue

-Phone: 315-443-9005

-E-mail: healthservices@students.syr.edu

-Web: <http://flu.syr.edu>

16. SU Toast Toastmasters Club Meeting

SU Toast Toastmasters Club



“A Student Public Speaking Group”

In both academia and in the workforce, there will be many instances where you will need the courage and skills to stand up and speak in front of a group of people.

Make an impression and it will go a long way towards advancing your career.

SU Toast members develop leadership and communication skills by participating in club activities and a targeted speech program.

We can get rid of the butterflies in your stomach!

Come to see our weekly meeting in Room 369, Link Hall

on Thursdays, from 7 pm through 8 pm!!

(Exception applies on Feb. 3 & Feb. 10: “Meet us in Room 371 same time.”)

For more information @ <http://sutoast.freetoasthost.biz/index.html>

Or contact our President, Joseph T. Heard at jtheard@syr.edu

Or call him at 267 – 815 – 5155.





17. Weekly Salsa Update

Your "WEEKLY SALSA UPDATE" is organized as follows:

Dance
Salsa!!!

with





at

SAN JUAN NIGHTS

LATIN DANCE PARTY !!!

- Guest DJs spin the **HOTTEST** Salsa from Puerto Rico, NYC and classic hits from the 60s, 70s & 80s! Salsa, Merengue, Bachata & Chachacha!
- Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays of the month with dancers from all over the world... 17+ event!
- Huge hardwood dance floor, air-conditioned, plenty of free parking.

Every 2nd, 4th & 5th Sat of the Month

10 pm - 2am **17+ event!** Cover \$5

Ballybay Pub, 550 Richmond Ave.,

Syracuse, NY

lafamilia@twcnny.rr.com www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com

315-636-7133 or 315-447-6287 cell

THIS SAT: Don't miss our 2nd installation of "San Juan Nights" Latin Dance Party at Ballybay!

Our first "San Juan Nights" was a great success with **63** dancers in attendance!

THIS Sat we are proud to feature our special guest, **DJ Felix from Pura Vida in Ithaca!** He'll be spinning his amazing mix of Salsa Dura from Puerto Rico, New York City and Classic hits from the '60s, '70s & '80s .

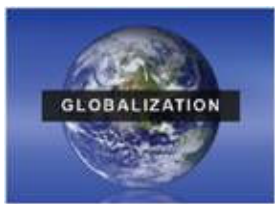
We're VERY excited to bring you this special mix of music every 2nd, 4th & 5th Saturdays of the month at Ballybay Pub/Nightclub!!!

We hope to see you all there, it's gonna be AWESOME!

...our sincere thanks to DJ JAM of SMAC in Binghamton for DJ our very first installation of "San Juan Nights" and spinning his top Salsa hits spanning 5 decades! The dancers LOVED your music, hermano...que viva la SALSA!!!

Brought to you by "la Familia de la Salsa"
Brian A. Bromka - Founder/Artistic Director
"bridging cultures through dance...one step at a time"
www.lafamiliadelasalsa.com
315-636-7133

18. Graduate Student News



Events:

Feb. 15 Strategies for Succeeding in your PhD Program in Sciences and Engineering. 2:30-4 pm, HL 107

Feb. 16 Open Access: Shifting Paradigms in Academic Publication. 1:30-3 pm, Peter Graham Scholarly Commons, Bird Library

Feb. 16 Office of Sponsored Programs– Collaborating with Others: Invoicing and Closing Out. 3:30-5 pm, 1-218 CST

Feb. 18 OTA Portfolio Information Session. 10-11 am, Bowne 218

Feb. 18 Immigration Issues for Future Academics. 1-2:30 pm, HL 207

Feb. 23 Office of Research Integrity and Protections– Engaging Human Subjects in Research Activities: What Graduate Students and Faculty Need to Know. 3:30-5 pm, 1-218 CST

Feb. 23 6th Regular Business Meeting of the Graduate Student Organization. 4:00 pm, The Inn Complete

Feb. 28 FPP Seminar: Critical Pedagogies. 4-5:30 pm, Goldstein Alumni and Faculty Center.

Next Month

Mar. 1 How Did You Become an Assistant Dean? 2-3:30 pm, HL 107

Mar. 2 Office of Sponsored Programs & Accounting– Travel: How to Not Get Stuck at the Gate. 3:30-5 pm, 1-218 CST

Mar. 4 Using Writing to Enhance Student Learning. 12-1:30 pm, HL 207

Deadlines

Outstanding TA Award Nomination Deadline — Feb. 4

Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Award Nomination Deadline — Feb. 25

Outstanding TA Award Portfolio Due Date — March 4

GSO Conference Travel Grant Deadlines

- Feb. 15th for travel between Jan. 16th and May 31st
- Apr. 1 for Summer Travel

[Click here for the PDF of the full newsletter](#)

from the office of enrollment management

All about graduating!

http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/current_whatyouneed.html

Steps for your final semester and procedures of defending a thesis or dissertation:

<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/Steps.pdf>

Thesis Format Guidelines:

<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/FormatGuidelines.pdf>

Graduation Deadlines:

<http://www.syr.edu/gradschool/em/pdfs/GraduationDeadlines.pdf>

!IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **Planning to Study Abroad during the Summer 2011 semester? If so, please talk to an international advisor at the Slutzker Center soon. There are steps which you must take in order to insure your continued non-immigrant status for re-entry to the U.S.**
- **MEETING YOUR HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Syracuse University Health Services has determined that many international students are not in compliance with immunization requirements defined by New York State public health law. Enrolled students found not to be in compliance risk strict administrative consequences including **inability to register, suspension of I.D. card privileges, and may be required to leave campus.**

You must be in compliance with these immunization requirements in order to remain on campus.

The Health Service will be sending an email to all those who are not in compliance via the syr.edu email address. Please watch for that notice (check your syr.edu email address!). If your registration is cancelled, you will also lose your F-1 or J-1 student status. Don't put yourself at risk. Contact the Health Service as soon as you receive that email!
- **Although rare, a fire drill or evacuation could be an opportunity for a thief to strike. To prevent someone from taking your irreplaceable documents and passports we recommend the following:**

 - **Keep your documents in a secure location.**
 - **Be able to access and take your documents with you quickly if you need to evacuate the building.**
 - **A small safe, briefcase, folder or backpack maybe the best way to keep your documents organized.**
 - **Rent a safety deposit box at your local bank (i.e.: HSBC, Chase, etc.)**

You should never spend time searching for your documents in an emergency situation. REMEMBER, while you want to do your best to protect your valuable property, your personal safety is the highest importance in emergency!
- **Students who are planning to do an Internship the Spring semester should apply for Curricular Practical Training ([CPT](#)) Please remember that you have to register for at least 1 credit for CPT.**

Curricular Practical Training Seminar (CPT) – Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:00pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:00pm.

Optional Practical Training Seminar (OPT) - Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday @ 3:45pm and every 2nd Friday at 3:45pm.
- **Address Change?**

All International Students and Scholars that will be moving out from the "Campus Housing" must update the US Address where you will be living during the Fall semesters via your "MySlice self-service" and select CURR address. You must update your address immediately in order to be in compliance with the Immigration. If you do not update your addresses we will not be able to register your record with SEVIS and you will be jeopardizing your Immigration requirements to comply with reporting changes of addresses while you are here in the USA and at Syracuse University.

You must always provide a current physical address to the SCIS in order to keep your SEVIS registration current and to maintain your lawful status. You have 10 days to inform the SCIS of any address changes or you are in violation of your status.

http://international.syr.edu/address_update_opt.htm

IMMIGRATION UPDATES

Full-time Course of Study

NOTE: For Syracuse University F-1 students, a full-time course load is required during the Fall and Spring semesters. Full time enrollment means **Graduate** students must enroll for at least **9 credits** every semester. **Undergraduate** students must register for at least **12 credits** every semester. Students are not required to enroll in courses during the Summer. However, **if Summer session is your first semester** then you must maintain full time enrollment of at least 6 credits for that summer session.

Under Federal Immigration Rules, **to maintain F-1 status, no more than 3 online credits per semester may count towards the "full course of study" requirement.** For example, a graduate student required to register for 9 credits per semester to maintain full time status can take only 3 of those credits through an on-line class each semester – **6 credits must be live, in classroom courses.**

However, an F-1 student can take as many on-line or distance education as they wish (with SCIS's approval) during the Summer or over Winter break.

If it is your last semester and fewer than 12 credits are required to graduate for undergrads and 9 credits for grads; it is acceptable to carry only those credits required to complete your degree. **If a student needs less than a full course load in the final semester to finish his/her degree, the course(s) cannot be taken solely online or as distance education. You must be enrolled in a live, in classroom course during your last semester.**

Students considering on-line courses or courses at a different institution should first discuss the plan with an SCIS advisor. It is necessary to maintain valid F-1 status at all times.

If you are taking less than 9 credits this semester you must fill out a Certificate of Full-Time Status http://international.syr.edu/full_time_status_certification-Jan04.pdf

If this is your last semester you will have to fill out the Last Semester Memo <http://international.syr.edu/>

USCIS Reaches FY 2011 H-1B Cap

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced today that it has received a sufficient number of H-1B petitions to reach the statutory cap for fiscal year (FY) 2011. USCIS is notifying the public that yesterday, Jan. 26, 2011, is the final receipt date for new H-1B specialty occupation petitions requesting an employment start date in FY2011.

Is Your I-20 or DS-2019 Expiring Soon? Do You Need an Extension of Stay?

This is the time of year when many international students whose I-20 or DS-2019 will expire this month, but who will be continuing their studies for Spring 2011, are applying for an extension of stay. Students who will begin a new level of study (e.g., completing bachelor's and commencing master's or completing master's and commencing PhD) receive a new I-20 for the new level of study. Changes in level of study require an admission letter from the Graduate School (if completing a bachelor's and commencing master's) or from the student's academic department (if completing master's and commencing PhD) verifying that the student has been approved for the new level of study, and the semester that the new level will begin.

Student's with I-20s or DS-2019s expiring in December 2010 but who will continue their studies at SU **must** begin the extension of stay process (or change in level of study process) well before that date so that the new I-20 is issued before the I-20 expiration date. Complete information and the required forms are available on-line at: http://international.syr.edu/extension_stay.htm

Important Reminders

A Reminder About Optional Practical Training EAD Cards

F-1 students who have obtained authorization for Optional Practical Training from the USCIS and who used a mailing address other than the SCIS Office for their Employment Authorization cards are reminded to please email their EAD cards to the SCIS so that we can make a photocopy for your files. Having a photocopy in the SCIS could become very important to you in the future, if we need to verify your F-1 status or if the card is lost or stolen.

Important Reminder from Human Resources

International students who have jobs on campus (GA positions, TA positions, RA positions and hourly wage assignments) are reminded to be sure to copy the appropriate Human Resources Office on campus for any change of U.S. address. Be sure to look at your address on your most recent pay stub. If it is not accurate, report it to your department or office where you work so that the address can be updated by your department. If you are on any payroll, your change of address is needed so that you can receive your W-2 Wage and Tax Statement forms in late January, as well as any checks that may be coming to you if you are leaving at the end of this semester.

Also, if you have obtained a social security number since starting work, it is essential that you report your social security number to your payroll office for W-2 purposes. If you are uncertain whether or not this is a problem for you, check your most recent pay stub, and look to see if your social security number as well as your current address are included properly.

Immigration Issues for Future Academics

Friday, February 18
1:00–2:30 pm
Hall of Languages 207

Are you an international student considering becoming a professor? Would you like to know how to communicate with your potential employer (a college or university) about visa sponsorship? Come find out about visa regulations for academics from *Charter Morris*, Assistant Director for Immigration and Scholar Services at the Lillian and Emanuel Slutzker Center for International Services. Charter will tell you about visa issues for future academics as well as common concerns and potential pitfalls for new international faculty. There will be time set aside for questions and answers.

Light refreshments provided.

Register here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KKPGDTC>

Bus Schedule

- Spring Break buses for students

The Syracuse University Student Association announces that it will be providing round-trip buses for students to travel to and from major metropolitan areas during Spring Break.

For \$99, buses will transport students to New York City, Philadelphia, Boston and Washington, D.C. All buses will depart from outside the front of Schine Student Center on Friday, March 11, at 5 p.m. and return from their respective locations on Sunday, March 20 at 10 a.m. Each bus has a maximum capacity of 56 passengers. Tickets are available at the Schine Box Office starting Monday, Jan. 31 and will be

sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

The designated bus stop locations are as follows:
New York City: Port Authority, 625 8th Ave.,

Philadelphia: Convention Center, 1101 Arch St.
Boston: South Station, 700 Atlantic Ave.
Washington, D.C.: Union Station, 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE
Contact: Eileen Clark, SU Student Association, at etclark@syr.edu

- **New Late Night Orange Express Bus Route**
Beginning **Friday, Feb. 4**, Syracuse University will be implementing a new Late Night Orange Express Bus service. This service, operated by Caz Limo, will run between 3:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings, and all students will be required to present an SUID in order to board the bus. This bus will operate from College Place to Day, Flint, Sadler, Lawrinson, Brewster-Boland halls, as well as South Campus and the Goldstein Student Center.
Buses leaving the shelter at College Place at 3:30 a.m., 4:15 a.m., and 5 a.m. will proceed directly to Day Hall, Flint Hall, through South Campus, onto Winding Ridge, and will proceed to the Goldstein Student Center. From Goldstein, the bus will return to College Place via Colvin and Comstock. The bus will not operate through the Manley complex in either direction.
Buses leaving the shelter at College Place at 4 a.m. and 4:45 a.m. will proceed directly to West Campus, stopping at the corner of Irving Avenue and Forestry Drive, and at the corner of Henry and Van Buren streets before returning to College Place via Waverly Avenue, University Place and College Place.
QUESTIONS? CONTACT: Parking & Transit Services, 621 Skytop Road, Phone: 443-4652, Email: parkmail@syr.edu
Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

HOUSING AND SAFETY

Getting Serious About Snow



-In the winter, major roadways receive priority, while secondary streets are plowed as soon as possible. The City of Syracuse operates a fleet of 40 plow and salt spreader trucks assisted by independent plow truck operators.



Sidewalk snow removal is the responsibility of each property owner. In most cases, if the owner doesn't live at the property, the tenant is responsible for keeping the sidewalk clear. **Clarify with your landlord about whose responsibility it is to remove the snow, especially while you are away.**

Free snow shovels available at [Off-Campus & Commuter Services, 754 Ostrom Ave.](#)
Stop by between 12 noon & 2:00pm to pick up a free snow shovel. **MUST SHOW STUDENT ID. Only one shovel per apartment; quantities limited.**

- Just a reminder, clearing of snow and ice from sidewalks is to be done by 6 pm following snow accumulation
- The Fire Department must keep hydrants clear of snow in case of emergency. Residents are asked to assist in this task whenever possible, especially during a heavy snowfall.
- During the winter, all parking regulations are strictly enforced by the City of Syracuse so that snow can be removed from the street.** Your car will be towed if you are parked across the sidewalks or if you are in violation of the odd/even parking regulation. Call the 448-CITY for more information.
- Dress appropriately before going outdoors. The air temperature does not have to be below freezing for someone to experience cold emergencies such as hypothermia and frostbite. Wind speed can create dangerously cold conditions even when the temperature is not that low.
Dress in layers so you can adjust to changing conditions. Avoid overdressing or overexertion that can lead to heat illness. Most of your body heat is lost through your head so wear a hat, preferably one that covers your ears.



Mittens provide more warmth to your hands than gloves.
Wear waterproof, insulated boots to help avoid hypothermia or frostbite by keeping your feet warm and dry and to maintain your footing in ice and snow.
Get out of wet clothes immediately and warm the core body temperature with a blanket or warm fluids like hot cider or soup. Avoid drinking caffeine or alcohol if you expect you or someone you are trying to help has hypothermia or frostbite.
Information taken from the American Red Cross: http://www.redcrosscny.org/general_calltoaction.asp?CTA=4&SN=9343&OP=9344&IDCapitulo=IPGTBCM8RW

Winter Storm Safety – Learn the Language

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- A **winter storm WATCH** means a winter storm is possible.
- A **winter storm WARNING** means a winter storm is headed for your area.
- A **BLIZZARD WARNING** means strong winds, blinding wind-driven snow and dangerous wind chill are expected. Stay inside or seek shelter immediately!
- **WIND CHILL** is a calculation of how cold it feels outside when the effects of temperature and wind speed are combined. For example, the temperature becomes 35 degrees colder when a strong wind combines with a temperature just below freezing.
- When a winter storm watch is issued:

- Listen to your radio, local television stations and cable TV, such as the Weather Channel, for further updates.
- Check in with a family member or neighbor.
- Avoid unnecessary travel; but if you must go out let someone know where you are going and what your travel route will be.
- *Information provided by the American Red Cross and the New York State Police.*

Beat the Heating Bill Blues



Heat:

We have had very cold winter and it is very important that you protect your apartment and keep the temperature set at least 55 degrees to prevent the pipes from freezing. Due to the very low temperatures it may be needed to set the thermostat at a higher temperature to maintain 55 degrees in the house depending on how well the house is insulated. Remember to keep doors and windows, especially in the basement shut.

Set your thermostat lower when you are not home and when you are sleeping. It takes less energy to warm up a cool house than it does to maintain a warm temperature all day and night.

Put an extra blanket on your bed and wear an extra layer to be comfortable.

Set your thermostat at 68 degrees. For every degree you set your thermostat back, you can save three percent of your annual heating costs. A change from 72 to 68 degrees could save you up to 12 percent!

Install a programmable thermostat which allows you to set up heating programs that will automatically change the thermostat's set temperature between comfort levels and energy saving levels at specified times. A programmable thermostat can save you up to 35 percent in heating costs.

Keep curtains and shades open during the day to capture warmth and closed at night to prevent heat loss through windows.

Keep doors of unused rooms closed and use a towel to eliminate drafts under doors.

If you use a space heater for extra warmth, be sure to keep it at least three feet from other objects and turn it off when you leave.

Keep your thermostat set to a temperature no lower than 55° F. **You must keep your apartment heated all winter long so that your pipes will not freeze**—even while nobody is living in the house. Frozen pipes cause extensive and expensive damage to a home's plumbing and heating systems. If you turn off your heat, you could be responsible for repairs! Also, keep in mind that using a space heater instead of central heat may not save you money and it puts you at greater risk for a fire.

If you have questions about winter heating or need tips on how to lower your bill, please contact the Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services at 315-443-5489 or offcampus@syr.edu.

Keeping Good Rental Records

Lack of knowledge regarding leases or other rental agreements can cause a variety of problems. By keeping records of rental repair requests, security deposit disputes, and other important issues related to rental agreements, you can alleviate many of these types of problems. The most frustrating problems occur when the tenant cannot document their grievances. To prevent this, start a rental file as soon as you sign the lease and add to it throughout your lease term. A rental file is easy to keep, considering the money you may recover through rental modification or qualifying for full return on your security deposit. If a rental problem arises, it is easier to negotiate a solution with the landlord when you have written records that show the extent of the problem, what you asked the landlord to do about it, and how the landlord responded.

Your Rental File Should Hold:

A Rental Log

Use a simple notebook to write all dates and times you contacted or tried to contact your landlord; make a note of any discussion. Logs are a useful permanent record of how the landlord did or did not respond to problems.

Apartment Condition Checklist

This is proof of the condition of the apartment when you move in and out. Keep a copy and send the original to the landlord by certified mail and return receipt.

Correspondence With Your Landlord

Make any complaints or concerns in writing and keep copies on file. All verbal requests should be followed up in writing with copies in your file.

Reports

Keep copies of the Certificate of Suitability, building inspection reports, police reports, and any other reports from other agencies.

Photographs

Photos may be the evidence you need to document a repair or security deposit problem. Photos should be dated and signed by a witness.

Off-Campus Housing 101

It is that time of year: time to begin looking for off-campus housing for the 2011-12 academic year. The rental season begins very early in Syracuse, but that does not mean that you have to sign a lease right now; you should not rush to sign a lease and should learn about off-campus housing prior to making the decision to move off-campus. A lease should not be signed until the property has been researched, roommates are confirmed, and the lease has been reviewed by Student Legal Services.

There are a number of rental units available in the University area and one of the best sources for advice and information about off-campus housing are friends and classmates. Another good place to search is Orange Housing. Orange Housing maintains a web site of apartment offerings in the neighborhoods adjacent to campus. The Orange Housing website is www.orangehousing.com. It is important to keep in mind that this local company is not affiliated with Syracuse University or SUNY ESF and there are absolutely no guarantees about the quality and reliability of the information posted on the website. Orange Housing also offers roommate searches, sublet listings, and information relevant to apartment hunters. Apartment listings can also be found in the *Daily Orange* and at www.apartmentfinder.com.

Your first step in your apartment search is determining your needs. Important considerations include:

- Distance from campus
- How much you can afford for rent and utilities
- On or off-street parking
- Number of roommates
- Furnished or non-furnished apartment
- Length of lease
- Pets

Once you have determined your needs you will want to view two or more rentals that meet your criteria. Check out each apartment thoroughly; don't be afraid to test faucets, doorknobs, etc. and make sure you are satisfied with the safety features available (window locks, security lights, etc.). You should talk with the current tenants about the apartment; ask about location and experiences with the landlord. Once you decide on an apartment and have done all needed research, you should have the lease reviewed by Student Legal Services.

The Office of Off-Campus and Commuter Services (OCCS) is a resource that you should also utilize in your search for off campus housing. OCCS staff will assist you in your search by educating you on what is needed to have a successful off-campus living experience. OCCS is

available for in person assistance at 754 Ostrom Avenue, via phone at 315-443-5489, online at offcampus.syr.edu, via email at offcampus@syr.edu

Apartment Safety Tips

Burglars strike in any neighborhood. They are opportunistic and always look for such easy targets as homes that are left open, not well maintained, out of eyesight or earshot of neighbors, or obscured by landscaping or fencing. The best way to minimize your chances of becoming a victim is to take sensible precautions.

The following tips offered by the City of Syracuse Police Department are designed to help you reduce your chances of becoming a victim of crime. You may already be aware of some strategies, but others may be new to you. Remember to trust your instincts and use common sense. Do not let yourself become a victim of a crime!

Before Renting an Apartment

Survey the residence for the following security features:

- Does the apartment have metal or solid core wooden entry and exit doors? Are these doors equipped with deadbolts? Are the locks mounted securely? Have the doors been re-keyed since the last tenant moved out?
- Can visitors be observed without opening the apartment door either through a door "peephole" viewer or window?
- Does any outside vegetation block doors or windows from public view? Does the vegetation provide places or concealment at entrances at or along walkways?
- Is there adequate lighting at the building entry doors and along walkways? Are the outer doors kept locked at all times?

In Your Apartment

- Keep your doors locked at all times, especially when you are alone, sleeping, or the apartment is unoccupied (even if only for a few moments).
- Determine who is on the other side of the door before opening it. Have repair or service personnel show official identification and confirm their presence with the person requesting the service. Delivery persons should remain outside to await the person requesting the delivery.
- If you return home and something looks questionable (e.g., a slit screen, broken window, or open door) do not go inside. Call the Syracuse Police Department from a safe location.
- Be sure you have blinds or curtains on your windows to discourage window peepers. Always keep your windows covered at night and leave lights on in two or more rooms.
- Make a list of your valuables and record any serial numbers.
- Be sure all outdoor lighting fixtures are in working condition. Ask your landlord to make immediate repairs.
- Place items of value out of sight and in locked areas. Do not leave valuables unattended in such common areas as laundry rooms and lounges.
- Ask your landlord to maintain and trim shrubbery.

Register your valuables

Your new iPad sells for
\$600 on eBay



Register your valuables
with the Syracuse
Police Department.
Go to
<http://publicsafety.syr.edu>
and click on 'Register
your Property.'

Intended as a
preventative tool, the
registration will aid
SPD and DPS in the
recovery of personal
property in the event of
a theft.

Department of Public Safety Crime Prevention Unit • 005 Sims Hall • 315-443-3873 • dpsadmin@syr.edu

In recent weeks, SU's Department of Public Safety has investigated the theft of several laptops and other personal property stolen from within academic buildings on campus. In each instance, the thefts occurred when students stepped away from their work area for only a brief period of time. Upon their return, the property was missing.

Everyone is reminded to never leave personal property unattended, even for a short period of time. Anyone with questions or concerns may contact the Department of Public Safety at 443-2224.

Getting Repairs Made in Your Apartment

As a tenant, you are entitled to a livable, safe and sanitary apartment. Failure to provide heat or hot water on a regular basis or to rid an apartment of insect infestation is an example of a violation of this entitlement.

All landlords are required to maintain **electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating and ventilating systems** in good working order. Landlords of buildings with three or more apartments must keep apartments and public areas in "good repair." Landlords also have a duty to keep every part of a dwelling clean and free of vermin, dirt, garbage, and other offensive material.

All landlords in the City of Syracuse must maintain their premises in accordance with Syracuse Property Code. The Housing Complaint section of the Division of Code Enforcement enforces the City Code by responding to reports and complaints about housing maintenance, overgrown yards, trash and debris and disabled vehicles on private property. In addition they work with other agencies to improve residential neighborhoods.

If you have a complaint concerning the habitability or repair of your apartment, contact the Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement at **(315) 448-8695**.

If you have any questions you can call our office @ 443-5489.

Landlord Information Sharing Program

The **Landlord Information Sharing Program (LISP)** is designed to provide students with a method for communicating with each other from year to year about their rental housing challenges and successes.

Process

Any Syracuse University or SUNY ESF student can fill out a Comment Form found on our web site at offcampus.syr.edu or in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. Students must clearly explain their concerns or issues in the form provided or by attaching a separate typed letter. They must use facts to describe the situation that is the basis for their documentation—they cannot simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

OCCS staff would also like to hear about any positive interactions that students might have with their landlords. If students have positive experiences that they would like us or other students to know about, they should send us a letter clearly explaining the interaction, using facts to describe the situation—they should not simply provide an opinion of their landlord with no supporting factual basis.

What happens when a Comment Form is filed?

OCCS staff will review all completed Comment Forms. If any include unprofessional language or are not appropriate to share with other students, it will be returned to the student with a letter explaining why. OCCS staff will forward a copy of the submitted Comment Form to the student’s landlord. The landlord may respond to the concerns or issues directly or may respond by sending a letter to the OCCS. If the OCCS receives a response, a copy will be mailed to the student. OCCS staff will keep a copy of all Comment Forms and landlord responses in our office at 754 Ostrom Avenue. All names, contact information, and any other identifying information will be redacted from the Comment Forms and responses. Other SU/SUNY ESF students will be able to view your Comment Form and your landlord’s response when they are searching for off-campus housing.

We encourage students viewing the landlord files to consider not only the number and type of concerns or issues raised, but the landlords’ responses to them. Please note that the views expressed in these materials are solely those of students and local property owners and not those of Syracuse University.

Sometimes your landlord may not respond to your concerns or issues, or may respond unfavorably. OCCS staff will work with you throughout the process to seek to accomplish a resolution to your problem. When appropriate, OCCS staff will refer you to agencies that are better able to assist you, such as the Syracuse Police Department, City of Syracuse Division of Code Enforcement, Conflict Mediation Center, Student Legal Services, etc.

Lease Disputes and General Landlord Complaints

- If you have a disagreement with your landlord concerning either of your responsibilities, it is best to try to reach an agreement.
- After reaching an agreement with your landlord in person or over the phone, follow up your discussion in writing. Include anything you or your landlord agreed to in your letter.
- If a dispute still exists between you and your landlord, you may want to consult Student Legal Services (443-4532). They can provide free legal consultation and advice about landlord-tenant issues.
- You can also file a complaint against your landlord with the New York State attorney general’s office. To obtain a complaint form, call 448-4800 (ask for the Consumer Affairs Department) or 1-800-771-7755 (Consumer Helpline); visit www.oag.state.ny.us (go to Consumer Issues); or contact The Office of Orientation and Off-Campus Programs.
- When you file your complaint with the attorney general’s office, include a copy of your lease and copies of any correspondence you’ve had with your landlord concerning the problem.
- Once you file your complaint, staff from the attorney general’s office will conduct an informal mediation session between you and your landlord, usually by phone, and provide advice for resolving the dispute.

Parking Regulations In The University Neighborhoods



Parking in the neighborhoods surrounding campus may be a new experience for some. To avoid ticketing and towing, and to help maintain the quality of life in the University area, members of the University community are reminded to observe city parking regulations.

Many city streets have alternate side (**odd-even**) parking, which takes effect at **6 p.m. On odd dates, parking starts at 6 p.m. on the side of the street with odd address numbers; on even dates, parking starts at 6 p.m. on the side with even-number addresses.**

“Parking illegally on a city street creates traffic hazards to motorists and pedestrians, obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic, prevents emergency vehicles from entering areas, and delays public services such as trash collection and snow removal. And parking on front lawns and across sidewalks is not only illegal, but also poses a safety threat to pedestrians who are forced to walk off the sidewalks. Working collaboratively with the Syracuse Police Department, we want the campus community to know the rules so they can follow them. ” To reduce and discourage illegal parking, the Syracuse Police Department will strictly enforce the parking regulations in the University area and will routinely conduct Ticket and Tow Operations in persistent violator areas. Drivers should obey the posted parking regulations in order to avoid being ticketed and towed, and should be mindful that failure to respond to parking violations may result in collection agency involvement or other punitive action against the registrant and/or the vehicle.

Cell phone Offers to SU International Students



18% off for Syracuse University Students use Discount Code [2386165](#)

- World Phones available
- Exclusive provider of the Apple iPhone & BlackBerry TORCH
- Competitive domestic and international plans available

- Only domestic carrier that offers rollover minutes
 - Receive 18% off monthly voice and data plans (not prepaid)
 - Text messaging plan discounts available on select phones
- \$2 Off 200 Message Plan - Your Cost \$3
\$5 Off 1500 Message Plan - Your Cost \$10
\$5 Off Unlimited Plan - Your Cost \$15
Offer excludes iPhone Text Messaging Plans
- Prepaid service plans available
 - Waived security deposit for one line of service (only available only at Company Owned Retail Stores, not available online or at Authorized Dealers.)
 - Prices reflect 18% Syracuse University Student Discount Code 2386165
 - Rates apply to calls made from within the U.S., Puerto Rico and U.S Virgin Islands
 - Convenient and affordable calling from the U.S to over 220 countries
 - International Roaming agreements in over 100 countries, rates vary
 - For more details on International Roaming, see www.att.com/international

T-Mobile also offers prepaid Pay-As-You-Go plans. Which are designed for single subscribers (no family plans) who are in the USA for only a couple of years. For further details please check the following website
<http://www.t-mobile.com/shop/plans/prepaid-plans.aspx>

Special Registration (NSEERS)

Further security checks after initial immigration inspection are typically required for:

- © Certain citizens or nationals of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan and Syria, as designated by the DHA Secretary in the Federal Register.
- © Males age 16-45 from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Indonesia, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Morocco, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen
- © Foreign nationals of any country may be asked by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) officer to undergo Special Registration if they feel they may be a national security threat.

If you are subject to [special registration procedures](#), **it is your responsibility to make certain that your entry and departure is documented by a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) inspecting officer, every time you leave and re-enter the U.S. (This may add a significant amount of time onto departure so please plan accordingly).**
A helpful reminder of where the pertinent NSEERS registrations may be found at the following airports in the state of New York.
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-28418.htm>

Buffalo Peace Bridge POE, New York;
Cape Vincent POE, New York;
Champlain POE, New York;
Chateaugay POE, New York;
Fort Covington POE, New York;
Heart Island POE, New York;
John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK), New York;
Lewiston Bridge POE, New York;
Mooers POE, New York;
Niagara Falls, Rainbow Bridge, New York;
Newark International Airport (NEW), New Jersey;
Ogdensburg POE, New York;
Rochester-Ferry Terminal, New York;
Rouses Point POE, New York;
Seaway International Bridge/Massena POE, New York;
Thousand Islands POE, New York;
Trout River POE, New York



Pedestrian Safety Tips

Stay safe while you’re walking to campus. Here are some tips:

- Use sidewalks and paths whenever possible.
- Use crosswalks, and don’t start walking until you see the "WALK" signal.
Walk facing traffic so you can see vehicles as they approach, and they can see you.
- Always walk in groups of three or more!
- Remember, pedestrians only have the right-of-way if a driver sees them! As a driver, it is important to be familiar with pedestrian safety laws. When a pedestrian is crossing at a crosswalk, drivers must wait until the pedestrian has *completely* crossed the street and has reached the other side safely.
- When making a right-hand turn at a red light, it is important to come to a complete stop and check for pedestrians crossing the street. Also remember there are many “No Right on Red” turns in the Syracuse University area!



Protect your Property

All your personal belongings are insured against a wide range of losses. The SCIS supports this policy and we encourage every student to have this insurance.

- Laptops, cell phones, jewelry, watches, iPods, cameras, clothes, books, sports equipment, furniture **all** your “stuff” is covered. You’re insured for countless types of losses, including theft, vandalism, fire, and accidental damage.
- Worldwide coverage on and **off** campus (in your apartment, in a foreign country, “at home”, in storage, or anywhere else they may be.
- Property of the University is covered while in your care
- Buy \$4,000 of coverage for less than \$94! Also there is up to \$20,000 coverage available for an annual premium of only \$250.

For more information about our student personal property program, call 1-866-535-0456 and ask for a college specialist to assist you. Or better yet Enroll online! It’s fast and easy. Simply log on to: www.haylor.com/student or send an e-mail to: student@haylor.com



For your safety, please remember...

- On campus after dark, use DPS' free escort service. Off campus, use SU Home (it's free); call 315-443-2224 for more information on these services. Additional options are Centro Bus or taxi service.
- Walk, bike or jog in groups of three or more — away from bushes, cars and other objects a suspect could hide behind.
- Look and listen. Headphones and cell phones can create tunnel vision.
- Travel in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Don't approach strangers or let them get close to you.
- If you think someone is following you, switch directions or cross the street. Go toward an open business or lighted house.
- Have your house or car keys in hand before you reach your door.
- Know where "Blue Light" phones are and how to use them.
- If someone tries to rob you, don't resist. Give up your property, not your life.
- Try to get a description of the suspect(s) and any associated vehicle and tag number.
- IMMEDIATELY report emergencies or suspicious activities, persons and vehicles. For SU's Department of Public Safety, **dial 711** on campus or #78 (from a cell phone); for the Syracuse Police Department, **dial 911**

Your quick report may help prevent others from becoming victims.

Fall 2011 Bus Schedule

Centro is the provider of public transportation in Syracuse and throughout Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. Centro operates a system of shuttle routes on campus under contract with Syracuse University. These are regular transit routes which Syracuse University students can board for free. Centro also operates an extensive system of bus routes connecting the Syracuse University campus to points throughout the area. Students may ride free on these routes within certain specified "free fare zones". If you wish to travel to an area outside of these zones, you must pay a fare.

http://parking.syr.edu/Parking/display.cfm?content_ID=%23%28%289%21%0A

QUESTIONS? Contact:

Parking and Transit Services
621 Skytop Road

- Phone: 315-443-1049
- Web: <http://parking.syr.edu>

Motivational Quotes of the Week:

"I am always doing things I can't do. That is how I get to do them."

-Pablo Picasso

"When you can't change the direction of the wind – adjust your sails."

-H. Jackson Brown

"Don't let the noise of others opinions drown out your inner voice."

-Steve Jobs

"Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change."

-Jim Rohn

"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there."

-Will Rogers

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